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ANCHORAGE MAN INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY ON SEXUAL ABUSE AND CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, December 13, 2007, that Danny Michael Harvey of Lancaster, California, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Anchorage on charges of attempted aggravated sexual abuse; transportation of child pornography; and possession of child pornography.

The three-count indictment named Harvey, age 46, as the sole defendant.

According to Count 1 of the indictment, Harvey, aka "Mike", "dad4dghtr" and "Sgt_Dad" traveled on or about August 18, 2007 from the State of California to the State of Alaska, with the intent to engage in a sexual act with a person who had not attained the age of 12 years, in fact, a six-year-old girl.

Count 2 charges that on or about August 18, 2007, Harvey illegally transported in interstate commerce, visual depictions of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, and those sexually explicit visual depictions were produced using a minor.

Count 3 alleges that beginning at a time unknown, and up to August 18, 2007, Harvey knowingly possessed a laptop computer which contained visual depictions of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct. Those sexually explicit visual depictions were produced using a minor, and were transported in interstate commerce by any means.

Assistant United States Attorney Steven E. Skrocki, who presented the case to the grand jury, indicated that the law provides for a 30 year mandatory minimum term of imprisonment up to life imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed would be based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement conducted the investigation leading to the indictment in this case.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.